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Dorking to Box Hill via Norbury Park and Mickleham Walk

Through a large vineyard and over a series of wooded hills to the famous viewpoint on Box Hill.

Length	**Main Walk:** 14 km† (8.7 miles). Three hours 45 minutes walking time. For the whole excursion including trains, sights and meals, allow at least 8 hours. **Circular Walk, returning to Dorking:** 15½ km† (9.6 miles). Four hours 5 minutes walking time walking time. **Short Circular Walk, from Box Hill:** 11¾ km† (7.3 miles). Three hours 10 minutes walking time. † Add 2¾ km (1.7 miles; 50 minutes) with the Juniper Top extension. See Walk Options below.
OS Map	Explorer 146. Dorking, map reference TQ171504, is in Surrey, 11 km **W** of Redhill.
Toughness	6 out of 10 (5 for the Short Walk; on all options add 1 with extension).
Features	This **North Downs** walk starts with a gentle stroll through the extensive Denbies vineyard but soon becomes more strenuous as it makes a clockwise loop around a series of hills in the Mole valley: Norbury Park, Mickleham Downs and finally Box Hill itself. There are many fine viewpoints and in several places you can see your earlier route from a new perspective. The whole area is deservedly popular and Box Hill is likely to be crowded on fine weekends, but there are quieter places elsewhere along the route. **Denbies Wine Estate** is one of England's largest single-estate vineyards. The first vines were planted in 1986 and it now grows 15 grape varieties across 265 acres, producing all kinds of wine: whites, reds, rosés, sparkling and dessert. **Norbury Park** Nature Reserve is described by Surrey Wildlife Trust as a ‘working landscape’ which includes a sawmill and three farms. The prominent house at its centre (in private ownership) was built in 1774 and has had several famous owners

and tenants, including Leopold Salomons (who donated Box Hill to the National Trust) and Dr Marie Stopes, the family planning pioneer.

Box Hill (named for its abundant box trees) is owned by the National Trust, which has introduced special breeds of sheep and cattle to restore more of the downland to its original 'unimproved' condition. This unfertilized land is rich in wildflowers and many species of butterflies have been recorded there.

Walk Options

Link routes have been provided to enable two circular walk options. An alternative finish from the Box Hill Visitor Centre provides a **Circular Walk** back to Dorking, while the start of the Westhumble Circular walk (2–14b) makes a **Short Circular Walk** from Box Hill & Westhumble station.

Starting from Box Hill would also help you catch up if you missed the train for a group walk.

On all the walk options you could take an extra loop in the middle of the afternoon for a longer exploration of Box Hill Country Park. This **Juniper Top extension** climbs steadily up a wooded valley and returns down an open spur with fine views.

Additional Notes

This was originally a circular walk from Box Hill & Westhumble station, with a longer morning section through Norbury Park. However, this woodland has been severely affected by Ash Dieback and its narrow permissive paths are now often blocked by fallen trees or closed for tree felling. The morning section of the Main Walk has therefore been redesigned to start from Dorking station and use only the main tracks through this wooded parkland. In the afternoon, a choice of routes through Box Hill Country Park has been refashioned as a single route with an optional extension.

This walk also used to have the option of a longer and tougher afternoon via Headley Heath. To avoid having too many options this has been transferred to a separate Box Hill Circular via Headley Heath & Mickleham walk (#450), where it is used in the opposite direction on its morning section.

Transport

Dorking (Main) and Box Hill & Westhumble are both served by Southern trains from Victoria and South Western trains from Waterloo, with a journey time of around one hour. The off-peak service to Dorking is half-hourly from Victoria and hourly from Waterloo, but (except on Sunday afternoons) only half of the Southern trains call at Box Hill. Dorking also has a station (Deepdene) on the North Downs line with two GWR trains an hour, connecting at Redhill for trains to London.

The most flexible ticket is a ***return to Dorking Stations***, which from London is the same fare as Box Hill and also valid to/from Dorking Deepdene.

If you want to abandon the walk after lunch, London bus 465 runs half-hourly through Mickleham on its route between Dorking and Kingston. From the top of Box Hill Metrobus 21 runs two-hourly (Mon–Sat) to Dorking or Leatherhead.

If driving, Dorking (Main) station car park costs about £9 Mon–Fri, £5 Sat, £3 Sun & BH (2026). There is a small free car park "for railway users" at Box Hill & Westhumble station and a larger one at Ryka's Café near the Burford Bridge roundabout (but check its closing time when you arrive as it is not open 24 hours).

Suggested Train

Take the train nearest to **10:00** from **Victoria** or **Waterloo** to **Dorking (Main)**. A train half an hour later would be fine if starting from **Box Hill & Westhumble**.

Lunch

The suggested place to stop for lunch is halfway through the Main Walk in **Mickleham**, which has two pubs in its village. The walk route passes the **King**

William (01372-372590; open Wed–Sun & BH Mon) on a path leading up to Mickleham Downs; it serves local beers and good home-cooked food and has an attractive terraced garden, but limited space inside. A little earlier a short detour would take you to the equally good **Running Horses** (01372-372279) on the B2209 opposite the churchyard (the best spot for a picnic). Booking ahead is advisable for both pubs on weekends.

Mid-morning refreshments might be available at **Wild!...About Coffee** (07815-121471; usually open Thu–Sun), a pop-up café next to **Norbury Park Sawmill**.

Tea

There is a popular café inside the National Trust Visitor Centre at the top of **Box Hill**, plus a servery offering hot and cold drinks, cakes and ice-creams. There is ample seating both inside and outdoors.

The most convenient place near **Box Hill & Westhumble** station is the **Stepping Stones** (01306-889932) pub on Westhumble Street, passed on the way to the station and usually open all day. The alternative is **Ryka's Café** (01306-884454; open to 4pm winter, 5pm summer), a popular spot for bikers which serves a wide range of food and drink.

There used to be a cycle shop and café in the station's Old Booking Hall, but this closed in 2022.

If you finish in **Dorking** the most convenient place is the **Lincoln Arms Hotel** (01306-882820) in Station Approach. There is a convenience store outside Dorking (Main) station, but **Colairo's** coffee shop inside is only open to 4pm Mon–Fri, 2pm Sat (closed Sun). There are plently of other refreshment places on Dorking's High Street but you would have to make a fairly long out-and-back detour to reach them.

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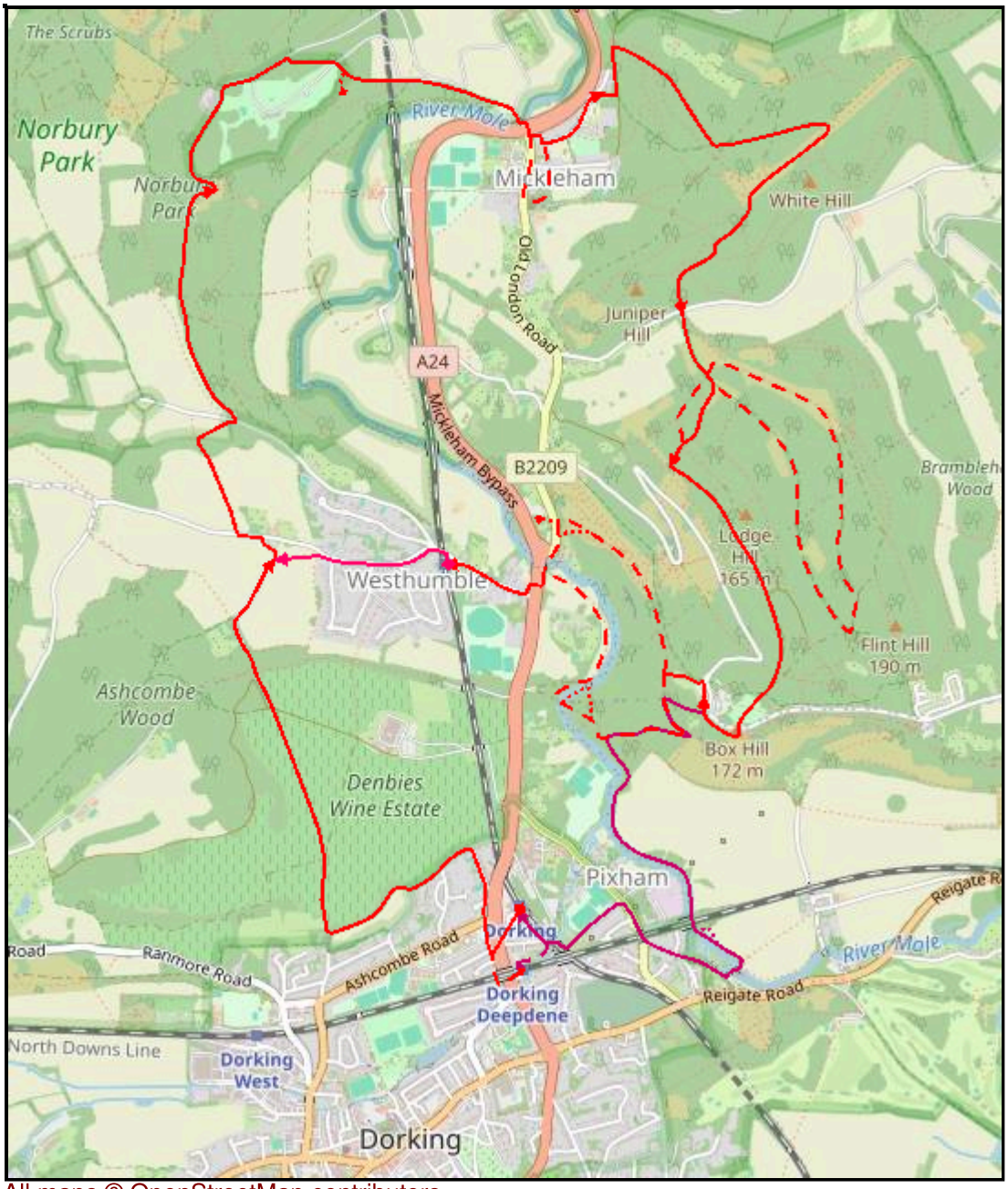
Walk Directions

Walk Map



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Walk Options

M. Main Walk (14 • 16¾ km)

a. Circular Walk, returning to Dorking (15½ • 18¼ km)

b. Short Circular Walk, from Box Hill (11¾ • 14½ km)

The longer distances include the Juniper Top extension.

Walk Directions

If you are doing the Short Circular Walk (from Box Hill & Westhumble), start at §B.

A. Dorking Stations to Westhumble Chapel (3 km)

Directions are given from the station on the North Downs line (Deepdene) as well as Dorking (Main).

1. **Starting from Dorking (Main)**

   - Leave the station along its access road, the start of one branch of the **Mole Gap Trail**[1] (MGT). Shortly before reaching the A24 go down steps on the right-hand side and through the pedestrian subway. On the other side of the main road go up the steps on the right and head **N** on the cycleway, with the road on your right.

2. **Starting from Dorking Deepdene**

   - Go down steps at the Guildford end of the platform to the A24. Cross the main road at the pedestrian lights and turn right to head **N** on the cycleway, passing under the railway bridge and joining the route from Dorking (Main) by the exit from a pedestrian subway.

3. Carry on along the cycleway, crossing a side road (Ashcombe Road) at the traffic lights. After crossing Chichester Close ***bear left*** into Chichester Road. This residential street ends at a T-junction with Calvert Road, with a view ahead across the extensive **Denbies Wine Estate**. Turn left onto this street, soon climbing gently.
4. In 150m, where the street bends left, ***bear right*** onto a narrow path to the left of a driveway. After going past a wooden barrier this continues as a fenced path overlooking the vineyard. In 150m ***veer right*** by a footpath signpost, ignoring an exit into another residential street (Keppel Road). Follow the path through a belt of trees for 400m, with an open space on the left.
5. On reaching a little triangle of paths ***fork right*** onto a broad path heading **N**, joining the other branch of the MGT. This goes gently downhill and passes a sign at the bottom indicating that you will be going through the vineyard. Follow the right of way up a grassy slope to a signposted path junction and ***take the left-hand*** of two footpaths ahead, leaving the MGT.
6. This broad grassy track soon turns slightly left to head **NNW** between vines, climbing gently with Ashcombe Wood off to the left. In 650m go straight ahead at a crossing with a bridleway, now with woodland behind a hedge on your left. After leaving the vineyard through a kissing gate keep ahead at another path junction, this time crossing over the **North Downs Way**[2] (NDW).
7. In 125m the woodland path joins the driveway to a couple of grand houses off to the left. The simplest continuation is to follow the driveway as it curves right and merges with a bridleway from the left, although a yellow waymarker might persuade you to take a short path ahead to a kissing gate and then turn right onto the bridleway. Either way, follow the drive downhill and keep left at a path junction after 300m, where the link route from Box Hill joins from the right.

   Continue the directions at §C.

B. Box Hill & Westhumble Station to Westhumble Chapel (¾ km)

This short section is the same as the start of Walk 2–14b.

8. Arriving from London, leave Platform 2 and ***immediately turn left*** to go up a flight of steps (ie. not the station footbridge leading to Platform 1). At the end of a short fenced path turn left onto the road to cross the railway bridge. Take the leftmost of the three lanes ahead (Chapel Lane), not the one under the prominent **Leladene**[3] archway (with blue plaque). There is a pavement on the left-hand side of Chapel Lane for a short distance, then a walkway set back from the lane.
9. In 125m you cross a gated private road (Pilgrims Way) and now have to endure an awkward 350m on Chapel Lane, with no pavement. At the end of the houses on your left ***bear left*** onto a fenced footpath climbing gently between fields. In 200m ***turn right*** at a T-junction with a bridleway, joining the route from Dorking (and leaving Walk 2–14b).

C. Westhumble Chapel to Norbury Park Viewpoint (2 km)

10. Follow the bridleway down to the left, passing the ruins of **Westhumble Chapel**[4] on the right shortly before emerging onto Chapel Lane. Turn left and go along the lane for 100m. After passing a 'Westhumble 2000AD' village sign, ***turn right*** through a side gate onto a signposted footpath.
11. Go all the way up the right-hand edge of a field (Chapel Hill). At the top go through another gate and continue on a path through a copse. On the far side ignore a footpath waymarker pointing ahead and ***turn right*** onto a new footpath slanting up the field. At the top go through a metal kissing gate onto a narrow lane and zig-zag right and left into Crabtree Lane car park.
12. Take the bridleway from the back of the car park and simply follow it for 1 km, initially near the edge of the wood and merging with a surfaced track from the right halfway along. Shortly after a path branches off to the left, ***turn right*** off the track at a **Viewpoint** signpost to reach an area with a few picnic tables and a view eastwards across the Mole valley to Mickleham Downs and Box Hill.
    The prominent mansion away to the left is Cherkley Court, once the country estate of Lord Beaverbrook. The two open areas leading up Box Hill are Juniper Top and the Burford Spur.

D. The Viewpoint to the King William pub (2¼ • 2¾ km)

13. With your back to the view, take the path to the right of the rearmost picnic table, going up to and then alongside the green chainlink fence of **Norbury Park House**. On returning to the broad track you were on earlier turn right to stay alongside the security fence. In 400m you pass the entrance to **Norbury Park Sawmill** on your left.
14. Where the track forks in front of a triangular area with an information panel about the history of **Norbury Park** (and sometimes a pop-up café, **Wild!…About Coffee**) ***keep right*** to continue on the sawmill's access road. After passing a security gate for Norbury Park House and descending for 175m, ***turn right*** onto a signposted public bridleway.
15. Follow the bridleway up a slope, staying alongside the security fence. In 200m you pass a gate into the grounds and ***bear right***, ignoring the (seemingly unused) driveway down to the left. At the next path junction there is a sign pointing right to **Centenary Copse & Viewpoint**.
    - If you wish you could make a short out-and-back detour to this viewpoint, a small terrace with a wooden bench 100m away.
16. For the main route ***fork left*** at the signpost and follow the bridleway downhill through the trees to an open area by a communications mast, with views across the valley to **Cherkley Court**. Carry on downhill, later on a broad grassy strip alongside the driveway you crossed earlier and then the tarmac lane from the sawmill, which both merge from the left.
17. Where the lane swings off to the left ***keep right*** on a path between hedges. Follow the path down to a lane and turn right. After crossing the **River Mole** the lane comes to the A24 (Mickleham Bypass) opposite its junction with the B2209 (Old London Road). ***Cross this busy dual carriageway with great care***, to the left of the junction.

    If you are going to the alternative lunch pub (the Running Horses) or want to visit Mickleham church, follow the directions in [19].

18. **Main route**

    - Go up the driveway to the right of St Michael's Cottage, 50m to the left of the road junction (shown as a bridleway by a signpost on the other side of the carriageway). Where the drive swings round to the left at Old House Cottage, keep right. In a further 30m ***turn left*** at a signposted path junction onto a path betwen hedges.

19. **Alternative route (+½ km)**

    a. Go along Old London Road for 250m to reach the **Running Horses** pub[7] on the right-hand side, opposite a gate into the churchyard of **St Michael & All Angels**[8] (which is worth a visit).

    b. To resume the walk, make your way onto the path along the left-hand side of the churchyard. Ignore an old wooden gate on the left but ***turn left*** onto a grassy path 40m behind the church.

    c. Follow this footpath out of the churchyard and then between back gardens and paddocks. Go straight across a lane (Dell Close) onto the continuation of the footpath, then in 100m ***turn right*** at a signposted path junction onto a path betwen hedges.

20. Ignore footpaths into a recreation ground on the right and continue on a tarmac lane (School Lane). This curves round to the left, passes St Michael's School and comes to an unsurfaced lane (Byttom Hill).

21. Turn right to go up this lane for 40m to reach the **King William** pub, perched on the side of the hill. If you are visiting this pub you can go through a door and up steps from Byttom Hill into its beer garden, otherwise ***turn right*** onto the signposted footpath climbing the flight of steps past its main entrance.

E. The King William to Headley Lane (2½ km)

22. Carry on up the slightly awkward path past the side of the pub to a crosspaths and ***turn sharp left*** onto a broad level path flanked by low brick and flint walls, heading **N** with views across the Mole valley. In 200m, just before the path meets a lane, ***turn right*** through a gap to the right of a metal fieldgate onto a signposted footpath.

23. Follow the path for 600m as it climbs steadily up the wooded **Mickleham Downs**, later with a wire fence on the left. At the top of the hill ***turn half-left*** to stay alongside the fence, now heading **E** on a bridleway. Continue in this direction for 450m, crossing a couple of chalky tracks along the way.

24. Eventually the bridleway swings right and emerges onto the middle of a 1 km long strip of open grassland. ***Turn right*** to head **SW** along **The Gallops**[5], keeping to the left of a small clump of trees after 300m (where there is an “Archaeology on Mickleham Downs” information panel). Just before the end of this open area, ***veer left*** onto a grassy path into the trees.

25. Follow this winding path for 250m, still heading roughly **SW**. 25m after passing a prominent beech tree, ***keep left*** at a little triangle of paths to end up on a broad path heading **SE**. This soon turns right and comes out into the open, with a fine view across the valley to Juniper Top in the main part of Box Hill Country Park.
    You now follow the route of Walk 1–49 (in reverse) down to Box Hill Country Park.

26. Continue on the path, heading **SW** down **White Hill**. In 150m it bends left and goes steeply down a long flight of steps to Headley Lane. This lane is popular with speedy cyclists, so ***take care as you cross it*** into Whitehill car park, entering **Box Hill Country Park**.

F. Headley Lane to Broadwood's Tower (¾ • 3½ km)

If you want to take the optional extension (all the way up Juniper Bottom and back down Juniper Top), follow the directions in [28].

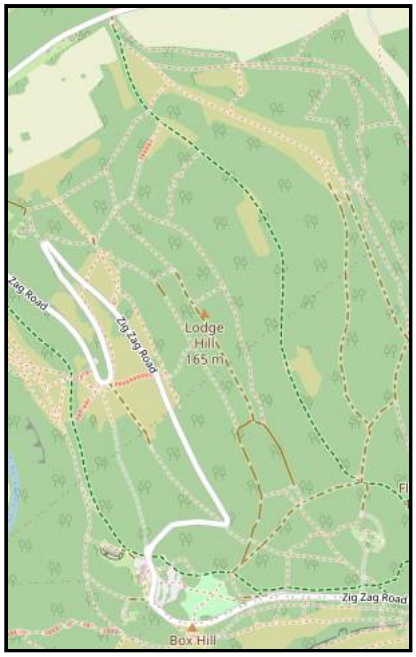
27. **Main route (¾ km)**

    a. Go through the car park and follow the main path for 300m, to the start of a more open area. ***Veer right*** across the grass towards a flight of steps cut into the side of the valley.

    b. Climb the steps and go through a gate at the top into woodland. After a short final climb ***turn right*** at a T-junction and follow the path round to the left.

    c. In 75m keep ahead at a staggered path junction to stay on the main path. In a further 100m you come to a circular brick folly in a small clearing, **Broadwood's Tower**[9].

28. Juniper Top extension (3½km)



a. Go through the car park and simply follow the main path for 1½km through **Juniper Bottom**, ignoring side paths and going through gates as necessary.
Juniper Bottom is the name shown on maps but the NT prefers to call it Happy Valley in its publications.

b. The path climbs steadily up the wooded valley. After it curves round to the left on a slightly steeper stretch you reach a path crossing. Ignore a NT waymarker for the Juniper Top Walk pointing right and instead ***turn left***.
The waymarker is for walkers returning to the Visitor Centre at the end of this trail.

c. The path soon merges with another from the right, with a NT waymarker confirming that you are on the outward leg of the Juniper Top Walk. Follow this woodland path for 800m, eventually going through a gate onto the open plateau of **Juniper Top**.

d. Carry on along a grassy path, curving round to the left and soon going steadily downhill with fine views ahead. In 500m the path goes through a gap where the downland narrows. At a Y-junction ***fork left*** to head towards a low wooden bench.

e. On reaching the bench ***turn left*** onto a faint path which soon drops steeply downhill. At the bottom of the slope go over a stile and straight across your outward route onto a public footpath, indicated by a yellow waymarker.

f. The woodland path climbs steeply up the other side of the valley. Shortly after going through a wooden gate ***keep left*** at a path junction. In a further 150m you reach another path junction and ***turn left***, ignoring a yellow waymarker pointing ahead.

g. After a final climb of 100m ***turn right*** at a staggered path crossing. In a further 100m you come to a circular brick folly in a small clearing, **Broadwood's Tower**[9].

G. Broadwood's Tower to the Box Hill Visitor Centre (1½km)

29. Turn left at the tower to go gently uphill on a track, soon with views on the right across a valley to the Burford Spur. Go through a gate and simply follow this track through woodland for 1km, gradually curving to the right and passing several children's play areas.

30. As you approach an open space the track curves to the right, towards the large NT car park for Box Hill. Unless you want to go directly to the Visitor Centre (beyond the car park), ***bear left*** to go straight across **Donkey Green**. After crossing a lane (Zig Zag Road) you come to the famous viewpoint at the **Salomons Memorial**[10].

31. With your back to the view, turn left onto the tarmac path behind the memorial. This curves round to the right and continues alongside Zig Zag Road to reach a large picnic area in front of a couple of buildings. The **NT Café** is at the back of the Gift Shop in the first building, with a **Servery** for light refreshments in the second.
If you are doing the longer Circular Walk (returning to Dorking), go to §I.

H. The Visitor Centre to Box Hill & Westhumble Station (2•2½km)

32. Go around the side of the Servery and cut through a small car park to the old **Box Hill Fort**[11]. Continue past its right-hand side and ***veer left*** through an opening in the stone wall. Go over the grass rampart and through the belt of trees ahead to a path T-junction at the top of the steeply wooded hillside known as **The Whites**.
There is a choice of routes to complete the walk: either the classic route down the Burford Spur with fine views, or descending long flights of steps to finish via the Stepping Stones and Burford Meadow.

33. Route via the Burford Spur (2 km)

a. ***Turn right*** and follow the chalky path along the top of the hillside. After going through a wooden fieldgate the downland opens up and the route down the **Burford Spur** becomes steeper. The suggested route is to stay on the main path near the middle of the spur, eventually swinging left to come out onto Old London Road opposite a large public car park.
   - For a slightly shorter (but more precipitous) descent you could take one of the paths on the left which meet the road closer to the large roundabout.

b. Unless you want to visit **Ryka's Café** (beside the car park) ***turn left*** onto the road. Go past the **Burford Bridge Hotel** and keep left at the roundabout. After crossing the **River Mole** on a footway alongside the A24 go down a subway ramp and under this busy main road. On the other side go up the ramp on the left to a road junction and ***turn right*** into Westhumble Street.

34. Route via Burford Meadow (2½ km)

a. ***Turn left*** and follow the chalky path along the top of the hillside. Shortly after passing a headstone for **Major Peter Labellière**[12] fork right at a path junction. In a further 200m the path meets the **North Downs Way**[2] (NDW) at the top of a long flight of steps.

b. ***Turn sharp right*** and follow the NDW down the wooded hillside, on several long flights of steps. In 300m ignore a side path going sharply left by a three-way footpath signpost. Carry on down two more long flights of steps, ignoring another side path off to the left in the gap between them.

c. At the bottom the path forks and a concrete waymarker offers a choice of Stepping Stones (left) and Footbridge (right). The onward route continues from the other side of the footbridge but the suggested route is to ***fork left*** to see the famous **Stepping Stones**[13].
When you reach the river you can decide whether to risk crossing it there; at some times it is simply not possible.

d. Whether you have braved the stones or not, ***turn right*** (leaving the NDW) and follow the river downstream for 150m to reach the footbridge. If you have not already done so, cross the river and turn right; otherwise simply carry on past the bridge.

e. The route continues on a permissive path through **Burford Meadow**, following the course of the tree-lined river as it curves left below the wooded hillside. At the far end veer left up a small bank onto a footway in front of the A24.

f. Unless you want to detour to **Ryka's Café** (250m off to the right, in the large public car park beyond the roundabout and hotel car park) go down a subway ramp and under this busy main road. On the other side go up the ramp on the left to a road junction and ***turn right*** into Westhumble Street.

35. You soon reach the **Stepping Stones** pub on the left, a convenient refreshment stop. The station is a further 300m along this narrow street, but there is a pavement or a footway on one side or the other. Before the road rises to cross the railway bridge, bear left into the station car park. Cross the station footbridge to Platform 1 for trains to London.

I. The Visitor Centre to Dorking Stations (3½ km)

36. From the picnic area retrace your steps past the NT buildings. Instead of continuing alongside Zig Zag Road ***turn right*** onto a broad woodland path, soon passing the entrance to **Swiss Cottage**[14] on the left. In 200m ***turn left*** at a path T-junction. In a further 200m the path meets the **North Downs Way**[2] (NDW) at the top of a long flight of steps.

37. ***Turn sharp right*** and follow the NDW down the wooded hillside, on several long flights of steps. In 300m ignore a side path going sharply left by a three-way footpath signpost. At the bottom of the next flight of steps, where the NDW swings round to the right, ***turn left*** onto another side path.
On the back of a post there should be a pink waymarker for the NT Riverside Walk, which you are following (in reverse) to Pixham Bridge.

38. The slightly awkward path gradually descends through the trees, with occasional glimpses of the **River Mole** down to your right. At the bottom there is a WW pillbox in the trees and the path swings left to continue alongside the river for 1 km, with fields sloping up to your left.

39. You soon pass an array of **anti-tank cylinders**[15] on the water's edge. After going under a high brick viaduct carrying the North Downs railway line the waymarked NT route takes a short diversion up a wooded slope to avoid a stretch which might be flooded, but at most times the riverside path will be fine.
40. Where the grassland gradually opens out keep right to stay close to the river for the final 150m to Pixham Bridge. At a path crossing ***turn right*** onto the long wooden footbridge, crossing the river and then a mill-stream. After passing **Castle Mill** ***turn right*** and follow the footpath for 200m to Leslie Road, ignoring another footpath off to the left along the way.
41. Bear right onto the road and go up to its T-junction with Pixham Lane. Turn right onto the road, going back under the railway line. Ignore the first residential street on the left (Swan Mill Gardens) but ***turn left*** into the second (Pixholme Grove), signposted to the town centre and railway stations.
42. Follow this cul-de-sac past a string of pastel-coloured cottages, with a sports ground on the right. Continue on a fenced path past allotments and then some scrubland, where you can see Dorking (Main) station off to the right. ***Turn right*** at a path junction in front of a railway bridge, then in 60m ***turn left*** to go under another bridge onto the end of Lincoln Road.
    - If you want to visit the **Lincoln Arms Hotel** (which is between Dorking's two stations) keep ahead on the road and turn sharp right at the top for the pub. Afterwards, either go along Station Approach or head south on the A24 for Dorking Deepdene.
43. **Finishing at Dorking (Main)**

    - For direct trains to London ***turn right*** and go through a small car park to reach the entrance to Dorking station. Trains to London can depart from any of the three platforms, so you might have to cross the station footbridge to Platforms 2 or 3.
44. **Finishing at Dorking Deepdene**

    a. For trains to Redhill or Guildford go past the entrance to a vehicle workshop and ***immediately turn left*** through an iron gate onto a narrow fenced path. This curves round to the right and comes out by one of the entrances to Dorking Deepdene station.

    b. For trains to Redhill (where you could change for London) go up the steps here to Platform 1. For trains towards Guildford go under the railway bridge and up another flight of steps to Platform 2. There is no footbridge between the two platforms.

Walk Notes

1. The **Mole Gap Trail** is a short 'Rail to Ramble' route of about 10 km between Dorking and Leatherhead stations, with a longer branch at its southern end going through Dorking town centre. It is waymarked with metal direction signs designed to look handwritten.
2. The **North Downs Way** runs for 246 km along the length of the North Downs (with two sections at its eastern end), from Farnham in Surrey to Dover in Kent.
3. The **Leladene** archway was built by the owner of a house on Camilla Drive after his wife Lela died in 1922, but the blue plaque commemorates the English novelist **Fanny Burney** (1752-1840). After the success of her romantic novel *Camilla* in 1796 she was able to move into a new house designed by her émigré French husband, General Alexandre d'Arblay, and lived in the village for five years.
4. **Westhumble Chapel** is thought to have been built at the end of the 12thC and used as a place of worship until the 16thC. Only the west gable and parts of the east end remain.
5. As the name implies, **The Gallops** was used for leisure riding and for exercising horses racing at Epsom (which were stabled at the Running Horses pub in Mickleham).
6. **Stane Street** is the modern name given to the 1stC Roman Road between London and Chichester, a distance of around 90 km (its original Roman name is unknown). 'Stane' is an old English spelling of 'stone' and was often used to signify a paved trackway.
7. The **Running Horses** pub was renamed after the "Dead Heat Derby" of 1828. One side of the inn sign shows *Cadland* and *The Colonel* finishing together, with the other declaring Cadland as the winner (after a rematch, which was the rule at the time unless the owners agreed to divide the prize money).

8. **St Michael & All Angels, Mickleham** dates from Saxon and Norman times but most of the original features were lost in an 1842 renovation. It has a ‘weeping chancel’, one which is out of alignment with the nave.
9. **Broadwood's Tower** was built in the 19thC by the piano manufacturer Thomas Broadwood, who owned the prominent house in the valley below, Juniper Hall. An ailing holm oak growing inside it had to be removed because it was damaging the structure.
10. The **Salomons Memorial** commemorates Leopold Salomons of Norbury Park, who bought Box Hill when it was offered for sale in 1912 and donated it to the National Trust two years later.
11. **Box Hill Fort** was one of a chain of mobilisation centres built to defend London at the end of the 19thC, but the idea was soon abandoned. It has now been colonized by several species of bats.
12. **Major Peter Labellière** was an eccentric local resident who insisted on being buried upside down, reasoning that “as the world is turned topsy-turvy” he would be the right way up in the end.
13. The **Stepping Stones** might have been installed by a 19thC landowner to facilitate access to his orchard on the level ground at the foot of Box Hill. The current stones were laid in 1946, the originals having been destroyed in World War as an anti-invasion measure.
14. The television pioneer **John Logie Baird** lived in **Swiss Cottage** from 1929–32 and conducted some of his early experiments there.
15. The **anti-tank cylinders** are reinforced concrete fortifications which were part of a defensive line constructed around London in WW , complementing the more familiar pillboxes.

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